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My dear Dr Watson

I am through with the Willows and will return the box next week. I wish however to retain a single cover of arctic forms pending an investigation which I can scarcely expect to finish inside of any reasonable limit within which I would wish to retain the whole box-full. These ^{represent} are the main of a single species from St Paul Island, and a few allied forms from the Arctic Coast. I will be sending a number of things by the which I wish to contribute to the herbarium and these can be safely returned at that time.

You will find the collection apparently not much changed from having been in my hands but after all quite a number of specimens, erroneously placed, have been shifted to where they

more properly belong -

Thanks for a copy of your
"Contributions" XVI. - I enjoyed cutting
the pages and looking over "from
end to end" The enumeration of
Palmer's Collection is reading doubtless
with a more intelligent and appreciative
interest your remarks on the
nomenclature and synonymy of one
species of Sisyrinchium -

By the way (seeing the plant enumer-
ated puts me in mind of this) could you
put me in the way of purchasing
1 to 5 good specimens of Bobbia - I have
only some poor little snips not worth
mounting. After the genus was published
and endorsed by D Gray I wrote to
Chocoma - enclosing a small sum of
money (3.00 I believe) and asked him
to get a real top-top Bobbia
showing of my name sake for me.
But he was very busy just then
and I fancy the whole matter has
slipped his mind entirely - and
under the circumstances I can not
pog him without seeming impertinence

I wonder how the work on the
Manual is progressing. I have
been waiting to hear from
you and to receive those
suggestions which were to be made
only after a careful examination
of what I had written. One or
two minor corrections have occurred
to me but I thought I would not
bother you with them simply but
wait and send all together at
last.

I have been upset by a
bad cold for ten days - unable
to either read or write. but am
getting better.

Yours sincerely
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